REMARKS

Claims 41-44, 52, 53, 55 and 56 were examined in the Office Action under reply. Claim 53 was provisionally rejected over 35 U.S.C. §101, as claiming the same invention as claim 51 of copending patent Application Serial No. 08/437,952 and under the judicially created doctrine of obviousness-type double patenting over claims 21, 47 and 54 of the '952 application. Claims 41-44, 52, 55 and 56 were provisionally rejected under the judicially created doctrine of obviousness-type double patenting over claims 21, 47, 51 and 54 of copending Patent Application Serial No. 08/437,952. Additionally, claims 41-44, 52, 53, 55 and 56 were provisionally rejected under the judicially created doctrine of obviousness-type double patenting over claims 243, 44, 47, 48, 50 and 51 of copending Patent Application Serial No. 08/438,183.

Applicants have cancelled claim 53 and incorporated the recitations thereof into claim 41 which previously depended thereon. Thus, the rejection under 35 U.S.C. §101 is moot.

Moreover, applicants are submitting a Terminal Disclaimer to address the rejection of claims 41-44, 52, 53, 55 and 56 over the '183 application. Thus, this basis for rejection has been overcome. Finally, applicants already submitted a Terminal Disclaimer in the '952 application over the present application. Thus, a Terminal Disclaimer in the present application over the '952 application is unnecessary. A copy of the previously submitted Terminal Disclaimer is attached for the Examiner's convenience.

Accordingly, all remaining bases for rejection have been overcome and withdrawal of the double patenting rejections is respectfully requested.

CONCLUSION

Applicants respectfully submit that the claims are now in condition for allowance. Accordingly, an early notification to that effect would be appreciated.

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